Report on the Workshop on Nuclear Data Needs for Generation IV Systems

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Organization

- Organized by Temitope Taiwo (ANL)
- Chaired by Hussein Khalil (ANL) Gen IV National Technical Director for System Design
- Hosted by NNDC (Pavel Oblozinsky)
- Attended by 25 reactor and data experts
- Minutes including all presentations available on CD produced by the NNDC (~ 50 copies distributed shortly after the Workshop)

Agenda

Data Needs for Gen IV (presentations by ANL, INEEL)

Processing, Applications and Validation (LANL, ORNL)

Theory and Evaluation (BNL, NCSU)

Nuclear Data Measurements (LANL, ORNL, INEEL/ANL, RPI)

Recommendations



Nuclear Data Needs for Gen IV: Conclusions

CSEWG role recognized

- Nuclear data methodology well established
- 5-step CSEWG process -- data needs, measurements, evaluation, processing, validation

Data needs

- Strong emphasis on sensitivity analysis and assessment of uncertainties
- High burn-up operation requires re-evaluation for some transuranics
- Fast spectrum systems require new data for minor actinides

Measurements

- Strong need for maintenance of US experimental capabilities
- Mechanism needed for maintenance and distribution of samples



Nuclear Data Needs for Gen IV: Conclusions ctn'd

Evaluations

- Strong need for tools to generate covariance data
- Application oriented approach for covariances was emphasized
- New evaluations should be incorporated into ENDF/B-VII

Processing

Covariances needed in multigroup format of direct use to reactor system designers

Validation

High priority: Need to identify existing integral data relevant to Gen IV

Organizational matters

- Future Workshops foreseen
- Nuclear Data Advisory Group for Gen IV recommended (similar to NDAG for DOE-NNSA)
- DOE-NE should resume support for CSEWG (CSEWG should become an overall coordinator)